



**Rose Kennedy Greenway Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – 5:00 pm  
185 Kneeland Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Boston**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present In Person:** Alli Achtmeyer, Bryant McBride, Bud Ris, Chris Betke, Chris Manfredi, Helen Chin Schlichte, James Chan, Jim Kalustian, Karen Diane Johnson, Kim Sherman Stamler, Mark Boyle, Rev. Cheng Imm Tan, Robertstone Goodridge, Robyn Reed, Susanne Lavoie

**New Board Members Present in Person:** Doug Husid

**Non Board Members Present in Person:** Peter Kochansky

**Board Members Absent:** Beedee Ladd, Daniel Sieger, Jane Pappalardo, John Pregmon, Kathryn Burton, Tom O'Brien,

**RFKGC Staff:** Jesse Brackenbury, Howard Breslau, Keelin Caldwell, Lucas Cowan, Samantha McGinnis, Steve Anderson, Tracey Cooke, Talia Aronson

Open Session

Greenway Board Chair Jim Kalustian called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present, in person, at 5:05pm.

1. Executive Director, Jesse Brackenbury introduced Eamon O'Marah of Harbinger Development and Dick Galvin and Yvette Tetreault of CV Properties to provide an overview of the planned Haymarket Hotel development.

Board members asked questions about access to public restrooms and parking, construction, lead certification, and the timeline of the project.

*Bill Linehan and Councilor-Elect Ed Flynn joined the meeting.*

2. Both Bud Ris and Chair Kalustian spent time praising Board service of two departing members, Chris Manfredi and Helen Chin Schlichte. Mr. Brackenbury spent time thanking outgoing City Councilors Bill Linehan and Salvatore LaMattina for their service. All members served with distinction and were honored for their service.

*Robertstone Goodridge and Chris Betke joined the meeting.*

3. Chair Kalustian called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors. **On a motion by Bud Ris, and seconded by Karen Diane Johnson, the minutes were unanimously approved.**
4. Jim Kalustian explained that the next agenda item was a discussion of a proposed Funding and Services Agreement between the pending Business Improvement District Corporation and the Conservancy. Because that agreement relates to non-governmental revenue opportunities, he requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss it. **On a motion made by Mr. Ris, and seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board entered into Executive Session.**

*Enter Executive Session.*

Mr. Brackenbury discussed the Greenway-BID Corp Services Contract. Board members asked questions about the city council vote, BID board seats, the timeline, risk factors should the BID fall through, and communication requirements between the BID and the Conservancy. Mark Boyle suggested that the Board approve this contract to send a positive message. **On a motion by Chair Kalustian to end the executive session, and seconded by Mr. Ris, the executive session was unanimously ended.**

*End Executive Session.*

*Doug Husid joined the meeting.*

**On a motion made by Chair Kalustian to “To authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Funding and Services Contract with the to-be-formed BID Corporation of the pending Business Improvement District, in substantially the form presented to the Board at its meeting on December 12, 2017, as well as any other agreements required to effectuate the terms of such contract”, (seconded by Mr. Ris), the motion passed with all in favor except one abstention by Kim Sherman Stamler.**

5. Mr. Brackenbury introduced Director of Park Operations, Steve Anderson, who presented the updated Maintenance Standards. Board members asked questions about the ‘best practices.’ Ms. Manfredi noted that the document showed a lot of care for the park. **On a motion made by Mr. Ris, and seconded by Mr. Boyle, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Maintenance Standards.**
6. Chair Kalustian called for a motion to reappoint Beedee Ladd, Conservancy nominee, for a second and final 3-year term with the Board. **On a motion made by Ms. Chin Schlichte, seconded by Chris Betke, the Board voted unanimously to have Beedee Ladd serve a second 3-year term with the Board, expiring 12/31/20.**



7. Mr. Brackenbury discussed the reappointment of Jim Kalustian to a second and final three-year term expiring 12/31/20. Kalustian has served as one of the appointments made by Governor Patrick. Because Governor Baker's office expected that Jim would be able to continue to serve following the expiration of his current term, the Governor's office has not addressed his re-appointment. The Board was asked to consider Jim's reappointment to one of the Governor's seats on the board for an interim period, subject to a review and request for re-nomination by the Governor.

*Jim Kalustian excused himself from the room.*

**On a motion made by Mr. Boyle, seconded by Ms. Chin Schlichte, the Board unanimously voted in favor of reappointment of Jim Kalustian to three-year term.**

*Jim Kalustian rejoined the meeting.*

8. Chair Kalustian discussed the Conservancy's nomination of Doug Husid to the Greenway Board for a three-year term beginning 1/1/18 and ending 12/31/20.

*Doug Husid excused himself from the room.*

Both Mr. Kochansky and Mr. Brackenbury assured the Board that no material conflict of interest should prevent Mr. Husid from serving; in case of a particular conflict, Mr. Husid would recuse himself. **On a motion made Ms. Manfredi, and seconded by Mr. Ris, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Doug Husid to the Conservancy Board.**

*Doug Husid rejoined the meeting.*

9. Chair Kalustian discussed the Conservancy's nomination of Board member Bud Ris to be Clerk of the Greenway Board for a three-year term beginning 1/1/18 and ending 12/31/20. **On a motion made by Ms. Chin Schlichte and seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Bud Ris as Clerk of the Conservancy Board.**
10. Chair Kalustian discussed the nomination of Board member Karen Johnson to be Co-Chair of the Finance Audit and Risk Management Committee. **On a motion made by Mr. Betke, and seconded by Mr. Ris, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Karen Johnson as Chair of the Finance Audit and Risk Management Committee.**
11. Mr. Anderson discussed the \$515K procurement for the renovation of the Southern Boxwood Garden in the North End.. **On a motion made by Ms. Chin**



**Schlichte, and seconded by Robyn Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the procurement.**

*Kim Sherman Stamler and Mr. Ris exited the meeting.*

12. Mr. Brackenbury introduced Chief Development Officer, Howard Breslau who discussed Fundraising updates. He announced the June 7th date of the Greenway Gala, where Peter Lynch will be an honoree.
13. No members of the public present sought to be heard.

**The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board Meeting was adjourned, upon a motion made by Mr. Kalustian and seconded by Ms. Manfredi, and a unanimous vote in favor was held at 7:08 pm.**